

Let the records show that in the case of Leonard Duppins and Eliza Barnes Lee vs. The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Personal Representatives, Descendants or Successors in Interest of Thomas P. Sappington, Emma O. Sappington, Clifford T. Sappington, Greenberry R. Sappington and Clare Sappington, deceased, No. 31,384 Equity in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland, that C. Clifton Virts, Court Examiner, made inquiry as to the posture of the case and found that it was to be taken pro confesso by Order of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland, passed on the 12th day of August, 1981, prior to the time the witnesses were sworn.

LEONARD DUPPINS, COMPLAINANT, produced on his own behalf, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by Mr. Virts:

Q. Would you state your name, age and residence?

A. Leonard Earl Duppins, 70, Union Bridge, Maryland.

Questions by Mr. Gastley:

At this time I would like to enter Exhibits 1 through 5 into evidence.

Mr. Virts: So mark them.

Mr. Gastley:

Q. Mr. Duppins, I show you a copy of Exhibit 1 being a Deed dated May 10, 1943 from Weldon Hill, widower, to Leonard Duppins and Eliza Barnes, as joint tenants and ask if this is the particular property that you and Mrs. Barnes now own?

A. Yes.

Q. Since May 10, 1943 have you all paid the real estate taxes on said property?

A. Yes.

Q. Every year since?

A. Yes.

Q. During the 38 year period have you lived on the property?

A. Yes.

Q. When was the last time you lived on the property?

A. I moved from the property about 6 months ago.

Q. You now have a contract of sale to sell the property is this correct?

A. Yes.

Q. During this period was there a time that you did not live there?